

Section I (Amendments to the Claims)

Please amend claims 1-2, 10, 12-13, 15, and 18, and cancel claims 7 and 9, as set out in the following listing of the claims of the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A saw blade support that can be located on ~~the~~ a blade of a saw to reduce flexing of the blade in use, at least part of the support being removable from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn, wherein the support includes attachment means by which the support is pivotably attached or attachable to the saw.
2. (Currently Amended) A saw comprising a saw blade and a saw blade support that can be located on the blade to reduce flexing of the blade in use, at least part of the support being removable from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn, wherein the support includes attachment means by which the support is pivotably attached to the saw.
3. (Previously Presented) A saw according to claim 2, in which the saw further comprises a handle to which the blade is attached.
4. (Previously Presented) A saw according to claim 2, the saw comprising a handsaw.
5. (Withdrawn) A saw according to claim 2, the saw comprising a powered saw in which the saw blade performs a reciprocating motion in use.
6. (Withdrawn) A saw according to claim 5, the saw further comprising a main body containing a motor that powers the saw blade.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Withdrawn) A support according to claim 1, in which (i) the saw further comprises a handle to which the blade is attached or attachable to the handle and/or, (ii) the saw further comprises a

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main body containing a motor that powers the saw blade and the support is attached or attachable to the main body and/or (iii) the support is attached or attachable to the blade, of the saw.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A support according to claim [[9]] 1, in which the removal of at least part of the support from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn comprises pivoting of the support with respect to the blade.

11. (Previously Presented) A support according to claim 10, in which the support is pivotable with respect to the blade such that as the blade penetrates into an article being sawn in use, the support rests on the article.

12. (Currently Amended) A support according to claim [[9]] 1, in which the support pivots from the handle or main body of the saw, or from an end region of the blade adjacent to the handle or main body.

13. (Currently Amended) A support according to claim [[9]] 1, in which the support may be fixed in an orientation with respect to the blade in which at least part of the support is removed from the blade and/or in which the entire support is located on the blade.

14. (Previously Presented) A support according to claim 1, in which part of the support may remain located on the blade to support the blade in use while another part of the support is removed from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn.

15. (Currently Amended) A support according to claim [[9]] 1, in which the support includes a plurality of pivots such that sections of the support may pivot with respect to the blade.

16.-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A support according to claim [[9]] 1, in which the support is pivotably attachable to the saw at any of a plurality of pivot points situated on the saw.

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19. (Previously Presented) A support according to claim 1, in which the support includes support means that supports the blade in use, thereby reducing flexing of the blade.
20. (Previously Presented) A support according to claim 19, in which the support means comprises a pair of spaced apart sidewalls defining a slot in which a longitudinal edge of the blade is contained when the support is located on the blade.
21. (Previously Presented) A support according to claim 20, in which the longitudinal edge of the blade is a tight fit in the slot.
22. (Previously Presented) A support according to claim 20, in which the slot includes one or more ribs that support the blade when the support is located on the blade.
23. (Previously Presented) A support according to claim 19, in which the support means comprises one or more elongate members arranged to be located on the blade by extending along one or both opposite faces of at least part of the length of the blade.
24. (Currently Amended) A support according to claim 19, in which the support means comprises a framework.
25. (Withdrawn) A support according to claim 1, in which the support is locatable on the blade by means of a magnetic attachment to the blade and/or by means of one or more clips.
26. (Withdrawn) A saw according to claim 5, in which the support includes friction-reducing means to allow a smooth reciprocating motion by the blade with respect to the support.
27. (Withdrawn) A saw according to claim 2, in which the blade of the saw has two cutting edges, the cutting edges being provided on opposite longitudinal edges of the blade, the support being locatable on either cutting edge of the blade in order to support the blade while the other cutting edge of the blade is used to saw an article.

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28. (Withdrawn) A support according to claim 1, in which the support includes one or more sawdust vent apertures.
29. (Withdrawn) A support according to claim 1, including a resilient part by which the support is biased to be located on the blade of the saw in use.
30. (Withdrawn) A saw according to claim 2, including a resilient part by which the support is biased to be located on the blade of the saw in use.
31. (Withdrawn) A kit of parts comprising a plurality of saw blade supports, wherein each saw blade support can be located on the blade of a saw to reduce flexing of the blade in use, at least part of the support being removable from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn.
32. (Withdrawn) A kit according to claim 31, further comprising a saw comprising a saw blade on which at least one of the saw blade supports at a time may be located.
33. (Withdrawn) A kit according to claim 31, in which each of the saw blade supports is different from others in the kit.
34. (Withdrawn) A kit according to claim 31, in which each support has a different length from others in the kit.